

**Leesburg Police Department  
Media Release Information**



**Date: 05/31/14**  
**From: Captain Rob Hicks**  
**Reference: Missing Woman Found – Traute Rankin**

**Leesburg, FL** -- On May 31, 2014, at approximately 2:07PM, the Leesburg Police Department received a call in reference to an elderly woman lying in the bushes at the edge of the parking lot of Wal-Mart, located at 2501 Citrus Bv., Leesburg Florida.

Officers responded, along with emergency medical personnel, and located an elderly white female walking in that area. She was positively identified as Traute Rankin, who was reported missing from her Leesburg home on May 2, 2014. Although Mrs. Rankin was dirty and slightly confused, she appeared to be in good health. She was transported to LRMC by Lake EMS for a medical evaluation.

Members of the Leesburg Police Department Criminal Investigations Division have responded to the hospital and will be interviewing Mrs. Rankin in an effort to determine her whereabouts since being reported missing earlier this month. No further information is available at this time.

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